

Remarks

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 2 – 4. The Applicants also note with appreciation the withdrawal of various of the previous rejections.

The Applicants acknowledge the objection to Claims 3 and 5 with respect to the range of “0.1-30% by weight.” The Applicants have amended Claim 3 in accordance with the Examiner’s helpful suggestion. Withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 3 and 5 is respectfully requested. The Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 3 and 5 are now in condition for allowance.

The Applicants acknowledge the rejection of Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §112. The Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is now moot in view of the amendment to that claim removing the subject matter at issue. (That removal of that subject matter should in no way be construed as an admission that the language was not fully enabled.)

Claim 6 has additionally been amended to recite that the substance transfer-preventing layer is a hydrophobic resin or UV-curable resin when the photosensitive resin layer contains a water-soluble resin and the substance transfer-preventing layer is a water-soluble resin or UV-curable resin when the photosensitive resin layer is a hydrophobic resin. Support may be found in the Applicant’s Specification on page 16 in the last full paragraph.

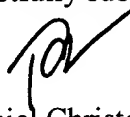
The Applicants acknowledge the rejection of Claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and §102 as being anticipated by JP’670. The Applicants have cancelled Claims 10 and 11, thereby rendering both rejections moot.

The Applicants acknowledge the rejection of Claims 6 and 10 – 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102 over Barzynski. The rejection of Claims 10-11 is now moot in view of their cancellation. The Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 6 is patentable over Barzynski.

The Applicants respectfully submit that Barzynski fails to disclose the claimed subject matter when the substance transfer-preventing layer is a hydrophobic resin or UV-curable resin when the photosensitive resin layer contains a water soluble resin and the substance transfer-preventing layer is a water-soluble resin or UV-curable resin when the photosensitive resin layer is a hydrophobic resin. The Applicants respectfully submit that Barzynski does not disclose this. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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